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Fulbright Pieces Discredited Him

To the Editor:

THE TENNESSEAN in an editorial Aug. 7, and William S. White in his column of the same date, set out with the pen to discredit the chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, William Fulbright (D-Ark.).

The two articles were determined to undo the Constitution of the United States, which says (Article I, Section 8), "The Congress shall have the power: To declare war . . . To make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces."

It goes on, (Article II, Section 2, Paragraph 2), "He (the President) shall have power, by and with the advice and

consent of the Senate, to make treaties, . . ."

We are now fighting an undeclared (thus illegal) war, but THE TENNESSEAN and Mr. White seem to overlook this point; They assert that Senator Fulbright is acting unconstitutionally in attempting, by law, to give back power that constitutionally belongs to the elected Congress, not appointed diplomats.

It seems that the secret, so-called diplomacy of the State Department and the unethical actions of the CIA are false to the principles of democracy.

And finally, the columnist, refers to Senator Fulbright as "The De Gaulle of the United States." Well, Mr. White, you seem to overlook the fact that the man in the White House is sending 50,000 plus young Americans to a land war in Asia of which Mr. Johnson said in 1964, "We are not going to send American boys nine or ten thousand miles away from home to do what Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves."

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Editor's Note: Reader Mansfield is referred to a staff report by Dolph Honicker appearing on the editorial page of THE TENNESSEAN of Aug. 16, concerning Senator Fulbright and Mr. White.